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The CAA met virtually Thursday and approved all three action items on the agenda.

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Eastern linebacker Jason Johnson was named All-OVC first team Thursday.

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CEVO to host Panther Service Day Saturday

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The Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism will host Panther Service Day on Saturday.

The event has been celebrated since 2003 and gives students the opportunity to volunteer on campus with other students. According to the CEVO website, the day was created by the Student Government as "an effort to improve the relationship between EIU students and the citizens of Charleston through encouragement of acts of volunteerism and service in the community."

This year the event will be held in the Library Quad and students are required to sign up in advance for a spot at https://www.eiu.edu/apps/registration/user_event_view.php?id=119890.

There are 150 spots for the event and as of Thursday night only 132 of those spots have been claimed.

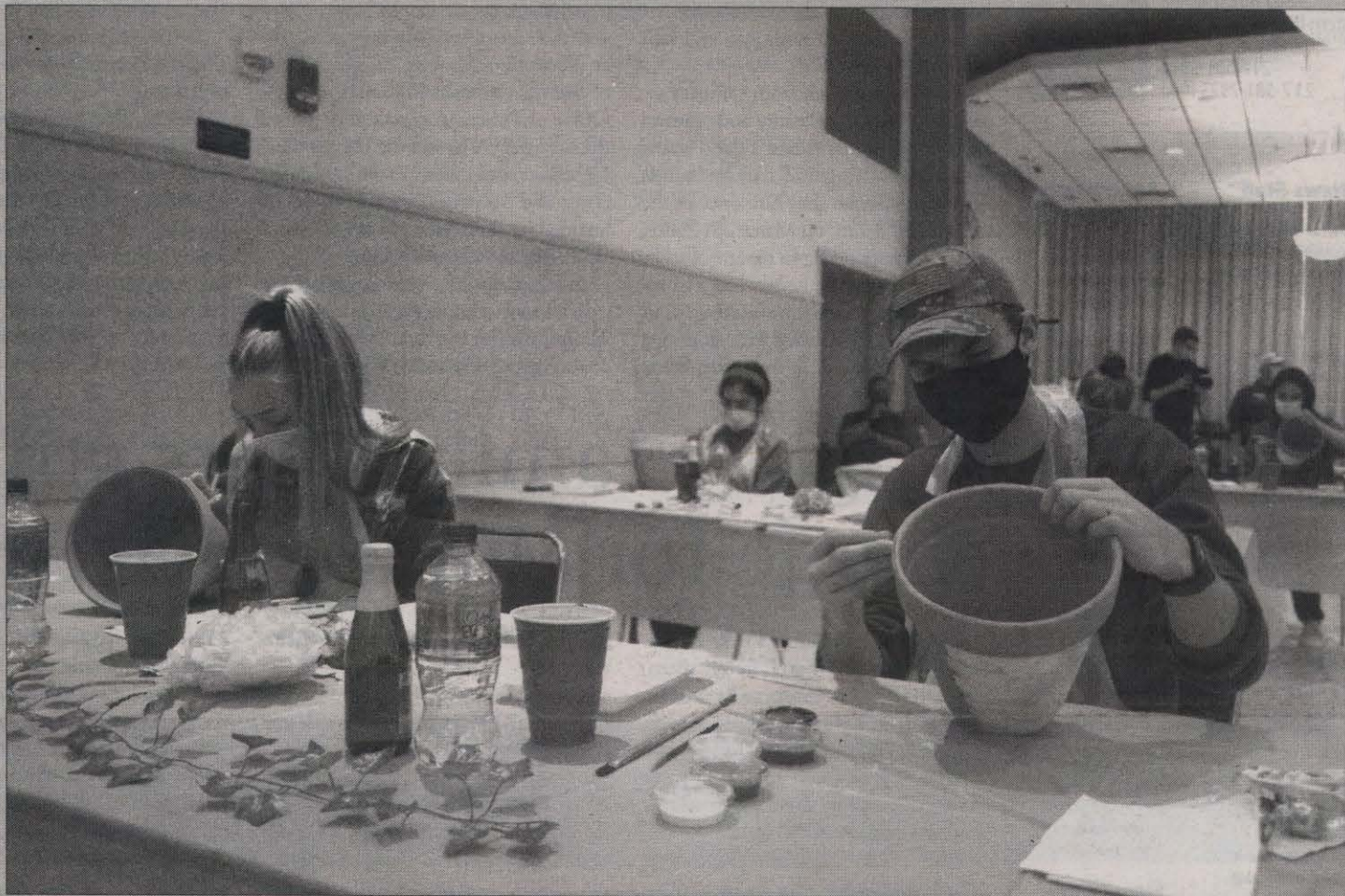
Those who attend will take part in creating fleece tie blankets for One Stop Community Christmas.

Students should wear masks and be aware of social distancing while making blankets.

One Stop Community Christmas provides items to over 1,200 families across 7 counties. Those counties are Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, Shelby.

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Painting pots



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Claudia Donovan (left), a sophomore emergency management and disaster preparedness major, and Luke Reeves, a sophomore engineering technology major, paint pots at Thursday's Paint, Plant, and Sip program in the University Ballroom. The event was organized by University Board members for this year's Panther Bash. For Friday and Saturday there will be a scavenger hunt, bingo, cosmic bowling, laser tag and a big screen virtual gaming tournament.

Newman Center Food Pantry providing for those in need

By Kyara Morales-Rodriguez
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The Newman Center Food Pantry has been running in the basement of the Newman Catholic Center for years, helping provide Eastern students with the food they need.

The food pantry is run mainly by Eastern students. Though the food pantry has students who volunteer there on a regular basis, they also accept anybody who comes in randomly to help.

Members of the Catholic Center also help, either by buying food from nearby grocery stores or running the food pantry if there are not enough volunteers.

The pantry is open from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, and during that time students can stop by the catholic center to pick up whatever food items they need.

Eastern students can visit the pantry once a week and must have a valid Panther ID card to receive the pantry's services, since they are only available to students.

Doris Nordin, a Charleston resident and campus minister, volunteers for the food pantry. She explained that the services are not just open to Eastern students, but also to students in the Charleston area. "It's open to anybody who is a student," Nordin said. "Eastern, Lakeland or Lakeview."

Aside from a student ID, the food pantry also wants students to start bringing their

"We are here to serve whoever is in need of food. We don't want anybody to suffer because they don't have food."

-Doris Nordin, campus minister

own bags, as it would make the process easier.

"We would love it if everyone would come with their bag," Nordin said. "We don't want to buy plastic bags just to give away. Sometimes we give away recyclable bags that we use, and they bring them back."

When students visit the pantry, they receive a form listing the many food items available at the Newman Center Food Pantry.

Students can then check off the items that they want and hand it to one of the volunteers. Another volunteer will then take the sheet and go into the food pantry themselves, picking out the items the students checked off on the list for them.

This process is one that is very new to the Newman Center Food Pantry volunteers. They decided to start providing their services in that manner to do their part in protecting the community from Covid.

"Before COVID, usually people would come inside and shop themselves," Nordin said. "Because of COVID and to avoid people touching everything, we give them that form and they fill it out."

Chris Sheeran, a senior Spanish student, regularly volunteers at the food pantry. He explained that the food pantry has many available food items, including many refrigerated items.

"The refrigerated section has milk, orange juice, eggs, butter, cheese, and yogurt," Sheeran said. "Because we are part of a larger food pantry, sometimes they send us discounted goods like almond milk and stuff like that at a special price."

The food pantry also has non-refrigerated items.

"On the non-refrigerated section, we have mostly canned stuff like beans, carrots, any kind of vegetable really," Sheeran said. "We have pasta, canned fruits, ramen, and macaroni and cheese."

Though the food pantry gets a lot of their food from the larger food pantry they are a part of, the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, they accept donated goods from people of the community.

Those food items include items they would not typically give away, such as onions, pota-

toes, fresh vegetables, and other food items.

In past years, the food pantry used to have lots of students stop by weekly to grab the food items they needed, but since then, things have changed.

"In the past, we've had a lot more [students]," Sheeran said. "We've had anywhere from 20 to 50 students per week. In Spring 2020, before COVID hit, we were getting close to almost 100 people per week. Now sadly, I'm not sure why, the numbers have really dropped off to only like five people."

Because numbers have been so low, they have more food than people to provide it to. Most recently, the food pantry had some milk that went bad from how long it was sitting in the fridge.

"We really want people to come and utilize the service because sometimes we buy more than we need," Sheeran said. "We have stuff that we waste, and I think that's kind of sad. To have food go to waste when it's literally free."

The food pantry is hoping that by next semester, they can change the way they provide their services so they can best serve the students.

"We're here to serve the students," Nordin said. "We are here to serve whoever is in need of food. We don't want anybody to suffer because they don't have food."

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Video: Chicago boy wasn't holding gun when shot by officer

CHICAGO (AP) — Disturbing bodycam video released Thursday after public outcry over the Chicago police shooting of a 13-year-old boy shows the youth appearing to drop a handgun and begin raising his hands less than a second before an officer fires his gun and kills him.

A still frame taken from Officer Eric Stillman's jumpy nighttime body camera footage shows that Adam Toledo wasn't holding anything and had his hands up when Stillman shot him once in the chest about 3 a.m. on March 29. Police, who were responding to reports of shots fired in the area, say the boy had a handgun on him before the shooting. And Stillman's footage shows him shining a light on a handgun on the ground near

Toledo after he shot him.

The release of the footage and other investigation materials comes at a sensitive time, with the ongoing trial in Minneapolis of former Officer Derek Chauvin in the death of George Floyd and the recent police killing of another Black man, Daunte Wright, in one of that city's suburbs. Before the Civilian Office of Police Accountability posted the material on its website, Mayor Lori Lightfoot called on the public to keep the peace and some downtown businesses boarded up their windows in the expectation that there could be unrest.

Small groups of protesters gathered at a police station and marched downtown Thursday night, but there were few signs of widespread demonstrations in the city.

Nineteen seconds elapsed from when Stillman got out of his squad car to when he shot Toledo. His bodycam footage shows him chasing Toledo on foot down an alley for several seconds and yelling "Police! Stop! Stop right (expletive) now!"

As the teen slows down, Stillman yells "Hands! Hands! Show me your (expletive) hands!"

Toledo then turns toward the camera, Stillman yells "Drop it" and midway between repeating that command, he opens fire and Toledo falls down. While approaching the wounded teen, Stillman radios in for an ambulance. He can be heard imploring the boy to "stay awake," and as other officers arrive, an officer says he can't feel a heartbeat and begins administering CPR.

US expels Russian diplomats, imposes sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration announced Thursday the U.S. is expelling 10 Russian diplomats and imposing sanctions against dozens of companies and other people, holding the Kremlin accountable for interference in last year's presidential election and the hacking of federal agencies.

The sweeping measures are meant to punish Russia for actions that U.S. officials say cut to the core of American democracy and to deter future acts by imposing economic costs on Moscow, including by targeting its ability to borrow money. The sanctions are certain to exacerbate tensions with Russia, which promised a response, even as President Joe Biden said the administration could have taken even more punitive measures but chose not to in the interests of maintaining stability.

Sanctions against six Russian companies that support the country's cyber efforts represent the first retaliatory measures against the Kremlin for the hack familiarly known as the SolarWinds breach, with the U.S. explicitly linking the intrusion to the SVR, a Russian intelligence agency. Though such intelligence-gathering missions are not uncommon, officials said they were determined to respond because of the operation's broad scope and the high cost of the intrusion on private companies.

Wright's family wants stiffer charge for Minnesota ex-cop

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. (AP) — Daunte Wright's family members joined with community leaders Thursday in calling for more serious charges against the white former police officer who fatally shot him, comparing her case to the murder charge brought against a Black officer who

killed a white woman in nearby Minneapolis.

Former Brooklyn Center police Officer Kim Potter was charged with second-degree manslaughter in Sunday's shooting of Wright, a 20-year-old Black man, during a traffic stop. The former police chief in Brooklyn Cen-

ter, a majority nonwhite suburb, said Potter mistakenly fired her handgun when she meant to use her Taser. Both the chief and Potter resigned Tuesday.

Wright's family members and protesters who have confronted police all week since his death say there's no excuse for the shooting.

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CAA approves 3 items in Thursday meeting

By Adam Tumino
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The Council on Academic Affairs met virtually Thursday afternoon to vote on three items. There was also a discussion item on the agenda.

The first action item concerned the language of a communicated GPA for students who apply to Eastern as test-optional.

Test-optional means that student does not include their ACT or SAT scores when applying to the university.

"A survey of our peers shows that EIU has the highest communicated GPA threshold in the market and we believe this has contributed to our current application deficit for New Freshman for Fall 2021," according to a memo from Josh Norman, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Kelly Miller, Director of Admissions. "Other institutions like EIU have implemented test-optional or even test-blind policies to increase equity and access for their prospective

students and it is clear for this cycle that clarity and access are of great benefit to those institutions with more clearly communicated GPA threshold."

The item was approved, and language indicating a 2.8 GPA will be added to the admissions catalog.

The second item did a similar thing, but for those applying to the Gateway Program.

Those students would need a minimum 2.3 GPA based on six or more semesters to be considered to apply for a test-optional application.

The item was also passed by the council.

The final item, which was also approved, updated Eastern's admissions policies to reflect what was in the first two items.

The discussion item was regarding the possible pros and cons of implementing a credit/no-credit option for the Spring 2021 semester.

The option was only discussed, and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Council members expressed con-



SCREENSHOT BY ADAM TUMINO
Eastern CAA Chair Claudia Janssen Danyi speaks during the CAA meeting on April 15. The council voted on approved three items in the meeting.

cerns with having a credit/no-credit option for this semester after having similar options in both Spring 2020 and Fall 2020.

Among concerns were how finan-

cial aid would be affected if satisfactory academic progress could not be properly shown and how students could possibly misuse the option and affect their graduation status.

The next CAA meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 2 p.m.

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The organization is described as "a collaborative effort of many different area organizations (civic groups, schools, businesses, aid organizations, churches, sororities, healthcare providers, etc.) to come together at Christmas time and provide help and hope to families from 7 counties during the holiday season."

The purpose of the organization is "to band together and help even more families who need it, while making sure to provide a really positive experience for everyone involved. One Stop is about the power of partnership to make a difference in the community," according to One Stop Community Christmas' website.

Panther Service Day is one of many volunteer opportunities for students over the remainder of the semester. Many pop-up service projects

will be available.

Days and times include:

- Friday, noon
- April 19, noon
- April 19, 2 p.m.
- April 20, 11 a.m.
- April 20, 1 p.m.
- April 21, noon
- April 23, noon
- April 23, 1:30 p.m.

Additionally, other service opportunities can be found on the CEVO website.

CEVO is also currently accepting donations for Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services that can be dropped off in the CEVO office.

They are seeking donations of:

- Toiletries (Body wash, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Sheets and blankets (bed-in-a-bag)
- Flip flops
- Bill organizers
- Kid toys (coloring books, puzzles,

markers, etc.)

Items will be collected until April 23.

SACIS "provides crisis and long-term counseling to survivors of sexual assault and those close to them, advocacy with medical and legal staff available 24 hours a day, and programs for schools and the community," according to the CEVO website.

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Consider others before sharing graphic, violent videos online

Bodycam video was released Thursday showing 13-year-old Adam Toledo being shot and killed by Chicago police officer Eric Stillman.

The shooting happened in the early-morning hours of March 29 and the video was released following public outcry over the incident.

The video shows Toledo dropping a handgun when being approached by Stillman, who was responding to reports of shots fired in the area.

Toledo's hands were empty and he was in the process of raising them when he was shot once in the chest.

We at The Daily Eastern News believe that it is important that the video is released, as it allows for more transparency and can help people understand the event more fully.

But now that the video is available, it can be easily shared online and possibly seen by someone who does not want to

see it.

Before sharing the video in any way, consider the possibility that someone could see it unwillingly when scrolling through their social media feed.

Videos like this can traumatize people, especially considering that this particular video involves the death of a child.

Just because the video is available does not mean that you have to share it.

Block Club Chicago, a nonprofit newsroom covering the city, had a good idea.

They posted a story about the video, describing the contents, but without attaching the video or any images.

This is a good way to make sure that the information is available to people who do not want to see the video.

Take the same precautions if you are considering sharing the video, and consider the feelings of others.

COLUMN

Yet another police shooting makes us face harsh reality

On Sunday, a young man named Daunte Wright was killed in the suburb of Brooklyn Center near Minneapolis. Wright was pulled over for having air fresheners hanging on his rearview mirror and driving a car with expired registration tags, according to The New York Times.

After being pulled over, it was discovered he had a warrant. The officers tried to arrest him, but Wright retaliated by trying to get back into his car and driving away. Then, he was fatally shot.

The officer who shot him was Kim Potter. Potter supposedly meant to shoot her taser at him, but fired her gun instead. Potter has since resigned and so has the city's police chief, Tim Gannon. Potter is also facing manslaughter charges. This is still a developing story, but I have many thoughts on this situation.

First of all, I really don't understand how you mistake a gun for a taser. I would imagine that a cop who had two decades worth of experience under their belt like Potter, they would know the difference. I suppose we could go with the ex-



Gillian Eubanks

cuse that it was a "heat of the moment decision."

But to counter that argument, the Brooklyn Center Police Department where Potter was a police officer requires the officers to wear their gun on their dominant side and their taser on the other side. So how does someone with her level of experience and knowledge of her departments protocol make such a detrimental, rookie mistake?

Following Wright's death, protests have been seen in Minneapolis. This is very similar to last year when Black Lives Matter protests were happening. Brooklyn Center police have declared that protests are "unlawful assembly," and have set a cur-

few in place. Funny, I thought we had the right to protest.

Restricting people from protesting seems like quite the opposite of what needs to happen right now. There are voices that need to be heard. Too many Black men and women have been and are continuing to be killed by the police.

For me, a white person, I hear these stories and I feel anger, guilt and sadness. I get so worked up over it, and then I have to remind myself that while this is something that I'm upset about hearing or reading, I can always stop reading the news. Black people don't have that pleasure though because they have to live this every day.

Reread that last paragraph if you're white. Realize that this is their reality, and justice isn't being served to them. For anyone who may have forgotten, Black lives still matter and we need to keep fighting for them.

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Johnson given All-OVC 1st team honors

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The OVC handed out postseason honors for its football players Thursday.

Three Eastern players were named to All-OVC teams, with sophomore linebacker Jason Johnson being named All-OVC first team, redshirt-senior defensive back Mark Williams being named All-OVC second team and redshirt-freshman wide receiver Matt Judd being named to the second team as a kick returner.

Johnson served as an anchor for the Panther defense throughout the spring season, a defense that allowed 3.6 yards per rush, the third-best mark in the OVC.

Johnson led the conference with 66 tackles this spring, despite Eastern having its final game of the season canceled.

Murray State linebacker Eric Samuta finished second in the conference with 64 tackles, but Johnson's average of 11 tackles per game was nearly two tackles more than Samuta's average of 9.1.

Johnson starting breaking out in the second half of his freshman season, averaging 8.6 tackles per game over the last five games in 2019. He ended up finishing third on the team with 59 tackles that season.

After recording 7 and 8 tackles in the first two games this season, he closed out the season with totals of 14, 15, 11 and 11 tackles.

He was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week following his 15-tackle effort against Tennessee Tech on March 21.

It was the first time since 2016 that an Eastern defender record-

ed 15 or more tackles and the first time since 2017 that an Eastern defender was named Player of the Week.

He also tied for eighth in the conference with 6 tackles for loss this season.

Johnson became the first Eastern defender to be named All-OVC first team since linebacker Seth McDonald in 2016.

Williams earns the second team honors in his final season with the Panthers, and throughout his career has been among the most effective pass defenders in program history.

He finished tied for eighth in the OVC with 6 passes defended this season, including 2 interceptions and a touchdown.

He was one of 12 players in the OVC to record multiple interceptions this spring.

Williams is now tied for fifth in Eastern history with 26 pass breakups.

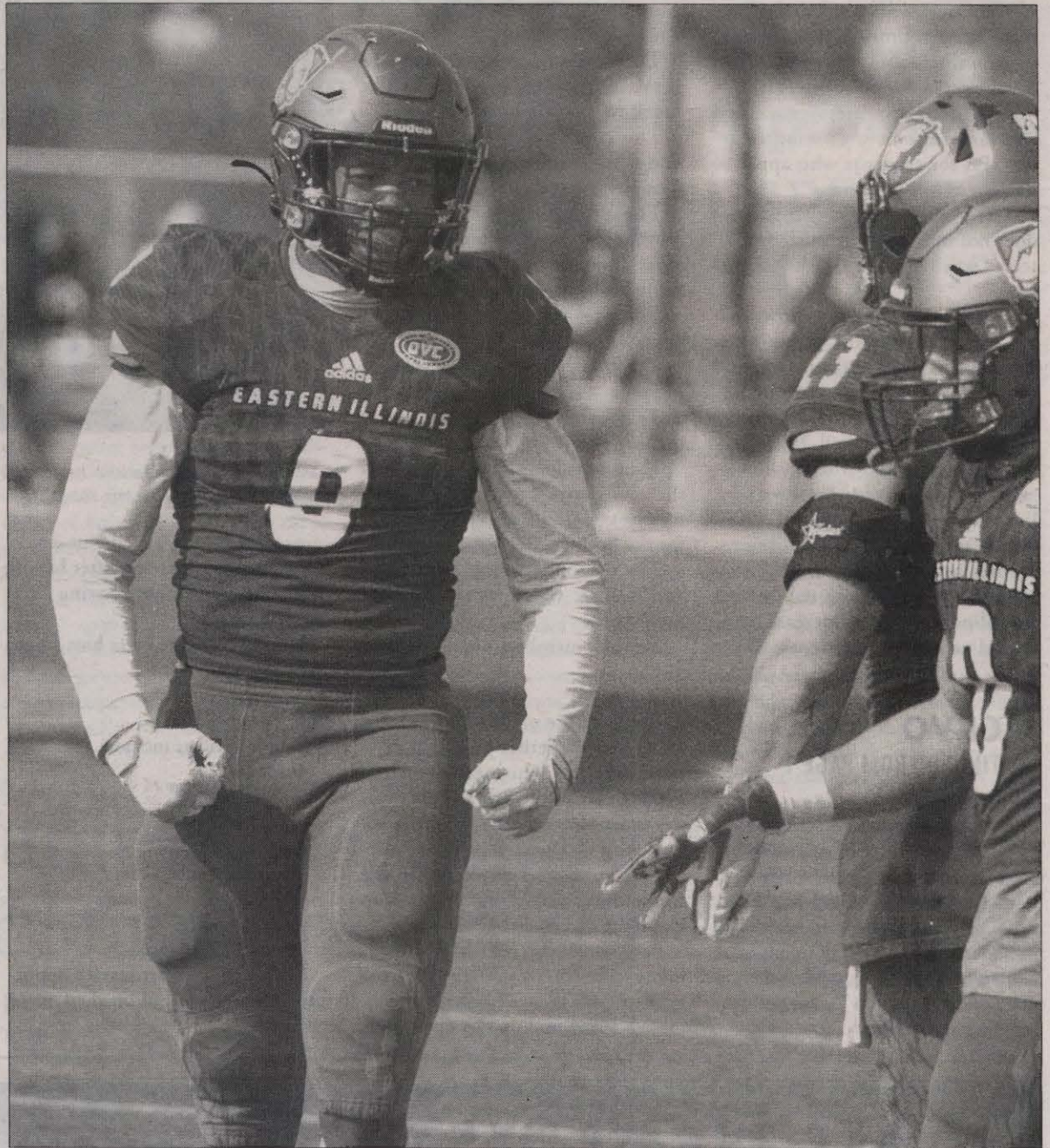
Judd came to Eastern this year after redshirting at Illinois last season.

He made an impact on offense and special teams, but it was the latter that earned him a spot on the second team.

He led the OVC this spring with 298 kick return yards and an average of 24.8 yards per return, including a long of 53 yards against Tennessee-Martin on March 7. He also caught 5 passes in that game for 73 yards and a touchdown.

The Panthers will open up the 2021 season on Aug. 28 against Indiana State on the road.

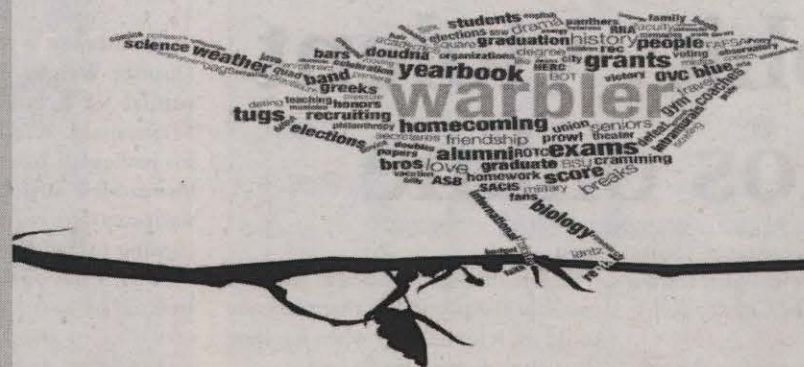
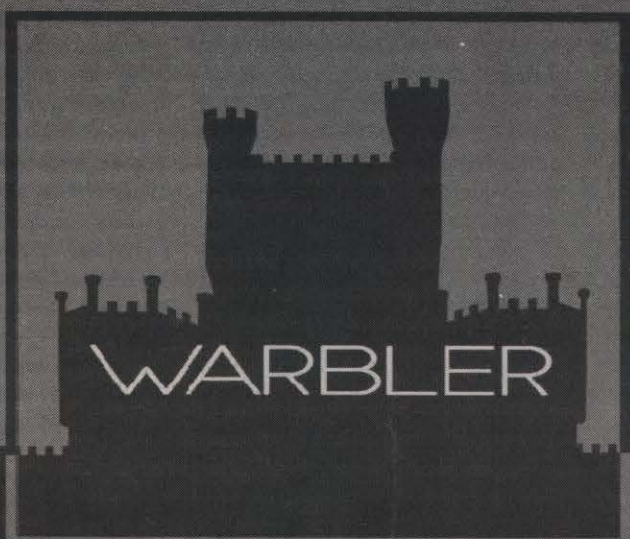
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Eastern linebacker Jason Johnson flexes after making a tackle against Tennessee Tech on March 21 at O'Brien Field. Johnson had 15 tackles in the game.

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